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ARMED LOUISVILLE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS FOR DISTRIBUTING POWDER AND CRACK COCAINE

– Nearly five ounces of powder cocaine, six ounces of crack cocaine and a firearm seized

-- Street value approximately $12,500

LOUISVILLE, KY - Duane Guthrie, age 34, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, was sentenced on December 10, 2007, to 7 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for distributing cocaine and crack cocaine, possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it, and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Jennifer B. Coffman, Chief Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Guthrie to 5 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

At his guilty plea before Chief Judge Coffman, Guthrie admitted that on June 13, July 14, and July 28, 2006, he sold a total of 135 grams (nearly 5 ounces) of cocaine to an informant in Bullitt County, Kentucky. Guthrie also admitted that on August 3, 2006, he sold 53.5 grams of crack cocaine to an informant, again in Bullitt County, Kentucky. Finally, Guthrie admitted that on September 29, 2006, also in Bullitt County, he possessed 123.8 grams of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute the drugs and that he carried a Glock 9 mm pistol during and in relation to

the drug trafficking offense.

The minimum estimated street value of the cocaine and crack cocaine involved in this case is approximately $12,500.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke, and it was investigated by the Kentucky State Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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